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The Summer 'Population Now Numbers Several Thousand.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) COMORN, VA., May 27.-Colonial Beach, "the little town on the Potomac," is growing in size and importance and attracting attention that even surprises its sanguine promoters. From a little village that accommodated several hundred 'summer resorters' a few years ago, it has developed into a town of considera-ble importance and great promise.

Many of the uninviting cottages have given place to costly, beautiful and commodious mansions of modern design and arrangement. A dozen or more well equipped hoters and many large stores

equipped hotes and many large stores and other business establishments are prospering, and indicate constantly increasing business.

Several thousand people summer at Colonial Beach, and the permanent, all theyear-around population of the place is much larger now than any one supposed it ever could be; and, by reason of this, the town is a source of large revenue to the farmers and truckers of upper Westmoreland and lower King George, since they find ready sale there for not only eggs and chickens, but for all manner of vegetables, fruit and other products of the farm.

Shrewd and experienced business men have faith in the future of the place, and capitalists of Washington and elsewhere are making large investments there. Many new and important enterprises have sprung into existence in the reast twelve months. Among these is a thriving newspaper, published weekly, so great has been the demand for houses of late, that nearly all of the carpenters for miles around have found lucrative employment there.

THE WHEAT.

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Reports from representative farmers in various sections agree that the wheat has greatly improved during the past ten days, and that present indications are for a good crop. Some few complain that it is "heading out too low"—i. e, that the heads are too near tine ground. But some, on the contrary, argue that short straw does not necessarily mean a small yield.

Corn is coming ap well, and all crops and the pastures have improved a good deal since the drought was broken by fine raths a week ago.

Many old fields of worn-out soil are being fallowed and prepared for cowpeas, to be seeded the last of this month and in June. Notwithstanding the unprecedented high prices of seed peas, a larger area will be cultivated in shinny and black peas, in king George, this season, than ever before.

The scarcity of shad in the Potomac and Rappahannock this spring is a subject of much comment among the fishermen and lovers of these fish. Some of the fishermen in King George are of the opinion that but few shad can come up the rivers, because of the large number of modern traps and nets nearer the mouths of the rivers.

Fishermen are almost hilarious over the early advent of sturgeons this spring, and some of them are making extensive preparations for catching these big fish. The sturgeons themselves do not command very high prices the markets after the first of the season, but their roe sells for fabulous prices, and it is from this that the fishermen realize so largely, when sturgeons are any ways plentiful. Some fishermen here have realized as much as \$15 from the record on esturgeon—this, besides the amount for which they soid the fish.

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The colored people of Washington have begun their regular Sunday excursions to Somerset Beach, in this county, and he who wants to see a mighty multitude of colored folks in a group can be accommodated by a peop at Somerset Beach on any Sunday from now until the first or middle of September. The steamhoat loads from the city are met at the beach by hundreds of "darkles" from all sections of this county.

Mr. Galen R. Smith, of this neighborhood, has mechanics at work erecting a substantial pier at Fair View, on the Potomac, where he will establish a regular steamboat landing right away.

Mr. Thomas H. Tolson, of Shamrock, this county, has assumed command as captain of the stug "A. J. Hoole," of

MANY NEGROES.

captain of the tug "A. J. Hoole," of New York, which is engaged in general towing on the Potomac. Mrs. C. W. Progers, who has been spend-ing some time in Washington, has re-turned to her home here.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

Winchester and Washington Electric Railway Elects Officers.

(Special to The Times-Distratch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., May 27.—Mrs. Georgia
Nixderff. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D.
McDonald, of this city, has been granted a
divorce from her husband, Louis Nixdorff, by
Judge Motter, of Frederick City, Md., and
given the custody of their child and allowed
the neivileges of resuming her mades name Judge Motter, of Prederick City, Md., and given the custody of their child and allowed the privilege of resuming her maiden name of she so desires. She married Nixdorff in Charlestown, W. Va., several years since, and for a time the couple lived in Richmond. Nixdorff filled suit for divorce from his wife, but she instituted counter suit, alleging improper conduct on the part of her husband. The Judge denied Nixdorff's pottlion and granted the wife a divorce.

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The stockholders of the Winchester and Washington Electric Italiway have elected new officers as follows: S. H. Hansbrungh, of Winchester, president: Charless Mulliken, of Charke, vice-president: Shirley Carlor, of Winchester, president: Charless Mulliken, of Winchester, secretary-treasurer, series, and A. Moore, Jr., of Berryra, general autorney. The location of the power plant whether in Clarke or Jofferson county has not been decided on the control of the power plant whether in Timpar, will observe the annual Ascensionally service this year at Christ Episcopal Church, on the evening of Sunday, June 4, at 1 o'clock. The address will be be delivered by the flew, Dr. F. T. McFaden, of Richmond, who is grand capital-general of the Grand Commandery of Virgula.

Rev. J. Gray McAllister, professor of Hebrow at the Unian Theological Suninary, Richmond, Va., who, with his wife, is the guest of her parents of Mr. and Mrg. I. W. Rusch, this city, Invitations have been issued for the approaching marriage of Miss Norma McLeed, of Stephens City, this county, 10 Mr. J. Harcey Canter, of Canterburg, this county. The wedding is to take place in Lynchurg, Va., on June 3, at the residence of the bride's sunt, Mrs. J. B. Wittree,

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By Guy Elliott Mitchell.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch,) lic lands, but only those already in pri-

new water works.
The criticism referred to of building government works to supply water to such a section as the Salt, River Valley where the lands are all in private ownership, instead of going out onto the desert and reclaiming public lands is one which will not hold upon second thought. The Salt River Valley has been a famous, section of the arid west. Twenty years ago it was a vast, flat plain, skirted by mountains reflecting the wonderful colors and tints of the southwest, but nourishing only the cactus and other desert plants. The Salt River cut its center, a sparkling live-giving stream, and private capital undertook to utilize its waters for irrigation and build up a great community. Dams were built, canals were constructed, and thousands of acres were planted to oranges, lemons. great community. Dams were built, canals were constructed, and thousands of acres were planted to oranges, lemons, figs, dates, raisins and wine grapes, almonds, pomegranates, and all the fruits and flowers of the semi-tropics, not to mention broad fields of emerald alfalfa, where fat cattle stood knee deep in the luxuriant growth. But the valley is to-day crippied and sick. The canal system laid out was based upon the heavy annual rainfalls which prevailed at that time, and sufficient data had not been gathered to show that the period was one of fat years and that the lean years of drouth would surely follow. They came, however, over the whole southwest, as can be seen by a study of the rainfall charts of that region, and the result has been that thousands of acres of orchard and farm have returned to aridity. The Old Man of the Dosert came in and claimed back his own. It is simply a question, then, in the Salt River Valley, and in some other sections, as to whether it is not as good or better policy for Uncle Sam to save the homes of several thousand ploneers, who are perishing for want of water, as it is to reclaim new raw lands, and put new settlers upon them.

From a Brook to a Torrent.

From a Brook to a Torrent. The flow of the Salt River Valley is variable in the extreme. At low water periods it runs something like 100 cubic feet per second. In one great flood the

said Government Engineer Arthur Davis, the projector of this magnifi-

with a climate which may be classed as almost semi-tropic."

Mr. Davis also made the important discovery that material for making good Portland cement and bricks lies immediately by the dam site. He states that the masonry dam now under construction will be absolutely permanent—"safe, solid and secure for all ages to come, a part of the everlasting hills of which it will become an integral part."

Finding that the prices bid by the cement manufacturers would add an increased burden of half a million or more dollars to the payments of the irrigators, the government constructed an immense cement mill and will itself manufacture the 200,000 or more barrels of cement needed for the dam. A splendld roadway, rivaling the mountain roads of the lneas, has been built from Phoenix to the dam, at a cost of over a hundred thousand dollars. The cost of the entire construction, three million and a half dollars, will be apportioned among the lands receiving the water, to be paid back to the government in ten annual installments, and no water user can hold more than 160 acres.

The River to Build Its Own Dam

An interesting feature of the construction work is the power canal which has already been built. The regular flow of the river has been diverted above the dam site, and at that point is tumbled over the rocks, generating some 10,000 electrical horse power to be utilized in building the dam. It will be required day and night for drilling, moving great rocks, pumping, grinding rock and clinkers, mixing and handling cement and handling machinery. The river is thus being forced to erect its own dam. After the construction, this power, added to large additional power to be extracted from the heavy fall of the river belaw the dam site, will be electrically transmitted to lands not covered by the gravity canal for pumping purposes and by this means fully \$6.000 acres additional while means fully \$6.000 acres additional will be waitered from the underground supply sound throughout the Sahi River Valley.

An ample spillway will provide an es-The River to Build Its Own Dam

Valley.

An ample spillway will provide an escape for excessive flood waters, and a tunnel driven through solid rock will enter the reservior directly on its bot-

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WHAT THE WORK WILL MEAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20 .- The most gigantic of the government irrigation constructions in progress is the Salt River or "Roosevelt" dam in Artzona, and considerable criticism has been made of the course of the Secretary of the Interior in setting aside between three and four million dollars for this project, which will irrigate no pubvate ownership, vastly increasing, of ourse, their value. The work which the government will do under this prowill double and quadruple land values, and in fact make much land that ues, and in fact make much land that is now practically useless worth from \$30 to \$100 an acre. Some 200,000 acres will be irrigated under these works, and the artificial reservoir to be formed by the Roosevelt dam will be by far the largest in the United States, with the incredible capacity of nearly 400 billion gallons. This is three times the capacity of the great Wachusett reservior which is to supply Boston and twice that of the famous Croton dum of New York's new water works. w water works. The criticism referred to of building

variable in the extreme. At low water periods it runs something like 100 cubic feet per second. In one great flood the river swept down the valley at the rate of 300,000 cubic feet per second. The twelfth annual report of the Geological Survey describes the flood of 1891 as follows, all of which ran uselessly to the sea for lack of storage.

"On February 17, the discharge was \$35 cubic feet per second, increasing the next day to 154,000 cubic feet and on the 19th to 276,000 cubic feet and on the 19th to 276,000 cubic feet swell, until on the 24th a maximum of 300,000 cubic feet was reached."

The Roosevelt dam is to control and store such floods. About sixty miles from Phoenix, the Salt River enters a profound canyon, with lofty, precipitous walls and a narrow floor, in which is located the dam site. Above the dam the canyon opens into wide valleys, providing the most capacious reservoir in the west. "It would probably be impossible to find anywhere in the arid region" sald Government Engineer Arthur P. Davis, the projector of this magnifi-cent enterprise, "a storage project in which all conditions are as favorable as in this one. The capacity of the reser-voir in proportion to the dimensions of the dam is enormous and the lands to be watered are of remarkable fertility, with a climate which may be classed as almost semi-tropic."

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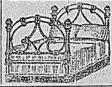
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tom to supplement the spillway and also to allow for the discharge of sediment from the reservoir.

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The drainage area of the Sait and its tributaries aggregate some 12,000 square miles and some of the mountain peakenear the source pierce the sky at an altitude of 20,000 feet.

Doswell Dots.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DOSWELL, VA., May 27.—St. Martin's
Episcopal Church, which has been without a
pastor since Rev. Mr. Hepburn's resignation is undergoing thorough repairs and will b ready for services in June. The members of the congregation are desirious of making it a memorial to the late Mrs. T. W. Doswell, who was for a long time the head worker. Miss Olle Parkinson has as her guest, for May and June, Miss Bessle Moss, of Richmond.

mond.
Mr. Hugh Denoon, of Richmond, was the guest during the week of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wright at "Greenlodge."
Mr. Lane, of Allanta, Ga. spent Sunday viewing the stables of "Hilldene."
Miss Eula Bughy is visiting Mrs. Howard, in Ashland.

A Wealthy Priest.

Rev. Frederick Bender, for more than fifty years a priest in the Catholic Church, will erect a church structure at a cost of \$100,000 in Colorado Springs. Father Bender is worth over \$1,000,000, derived through real estate investments.

Cotton in India. In 1883 the cotton goods industry of British India was represented by sixty-two factories, with 1,544,000 spindles and 15,000 looms. Now there are: Factories, 205; spindles, 5,184,000, and looms, nearly 4,000. The capital invested is \$69,000,000, and the workers number over 1,000,600.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COMORN, VA., May 27.—Some folks here have again been frightened out of their wits by the "awful" sound of "air colts," which disturb the happiness of these people nearly every spring. The pasing of these "air colts" is always regarded by some as a "sure sign" of "judgment day," and the "neighing in the air" has the good effect of sending the air or so ago that the "air colts" complained of nothing more nor less than swans or cranes in their annual journey from the South to the North, where they go to build nests, lay eggs and "raise families."

Dogs supposed to be mad are again very troublesome in some communities. Strange as it may seem, the people rarely take steps of any kind to confine or kill these misances until they hite many other dogs and some valuable, horses or hoss.

Ret and Mrs. Edward H. Ingle, of Mill-wood, Va., have been visiting relatives near this place for a week or ten days past. Mrs. logic is a sister to Mr. William Tayloe, of

inis piace for a ween Mr. William Tayloe, of Powhatan, this county.

Miss Josie M. Brown, of Washington, is on a visit to ber siters in King George, Miss Namie S. Rosers, of this place, has gone to Washington to strend some time. From that city she will go to Chariottesville for the summer should be some time. From that city she will go to Chariottesville for the summer and the second some time. From that Davies, of Edge Hill, left this week for the national Capital City for a protracted size of the product of the county of the control of the county of the

recicksburg.

It is understood that King George people will petition the State Board of Education to recind their action of combining this county with Stafford and making one school division of the two counties. It is desired that King George remain as formerly,

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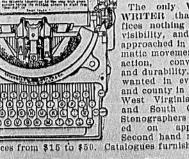


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